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X-MEN: RONIN





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PART TWO: BUNRAKU (The Puppet Show)



WOLVERINE
(Logan)
Samurai Slasher



CYCLOPS
(Scott Summers)
One-Eyed Warrior



STORM
(Ororo Munroe)
Weather Witch



MARVEL GIRL
(Jean Grey)
Sultry Psychic

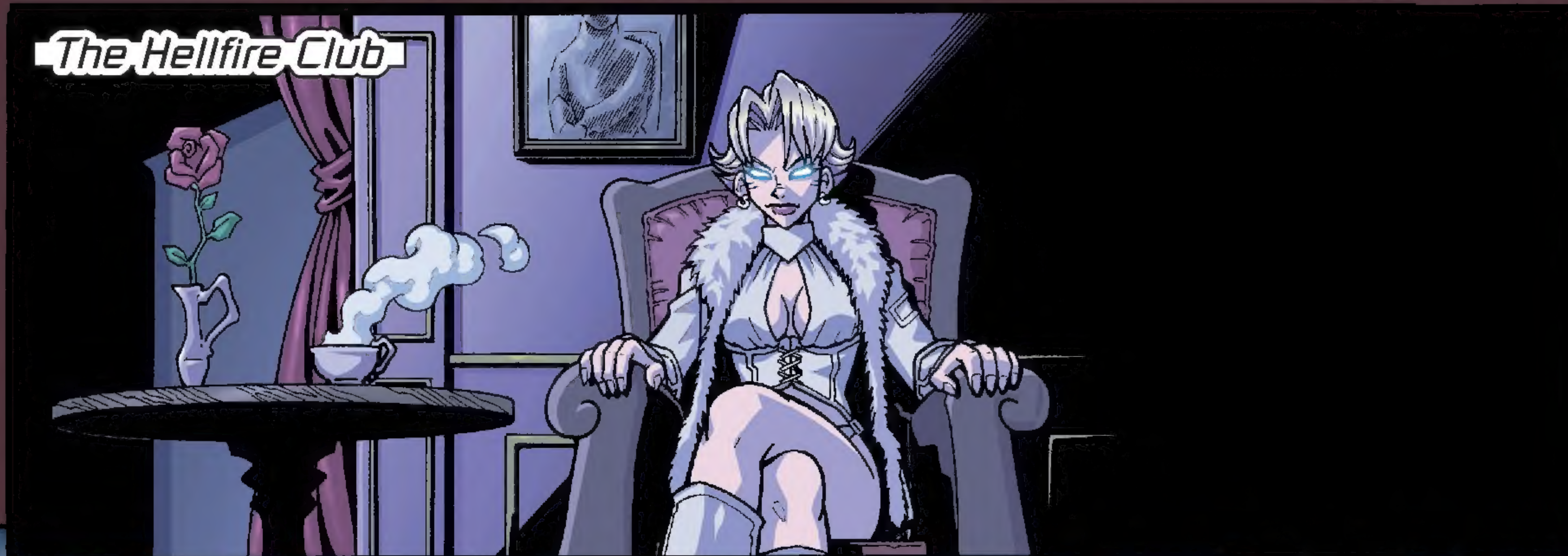
Who are the X-Men?

Humans share the world with mutants, people who have gained extraordinary powers by virtue of their mutated genes. The X-Men are a mutant team dedicated to preserving the peace between mutants and humans, and protecting the world from those mutants who believe their genes make them the rightful inheritors of the Earth. Together, the X-Men fight for the safety of a world that sometimes treats them as heroes, and other times as outlaws!

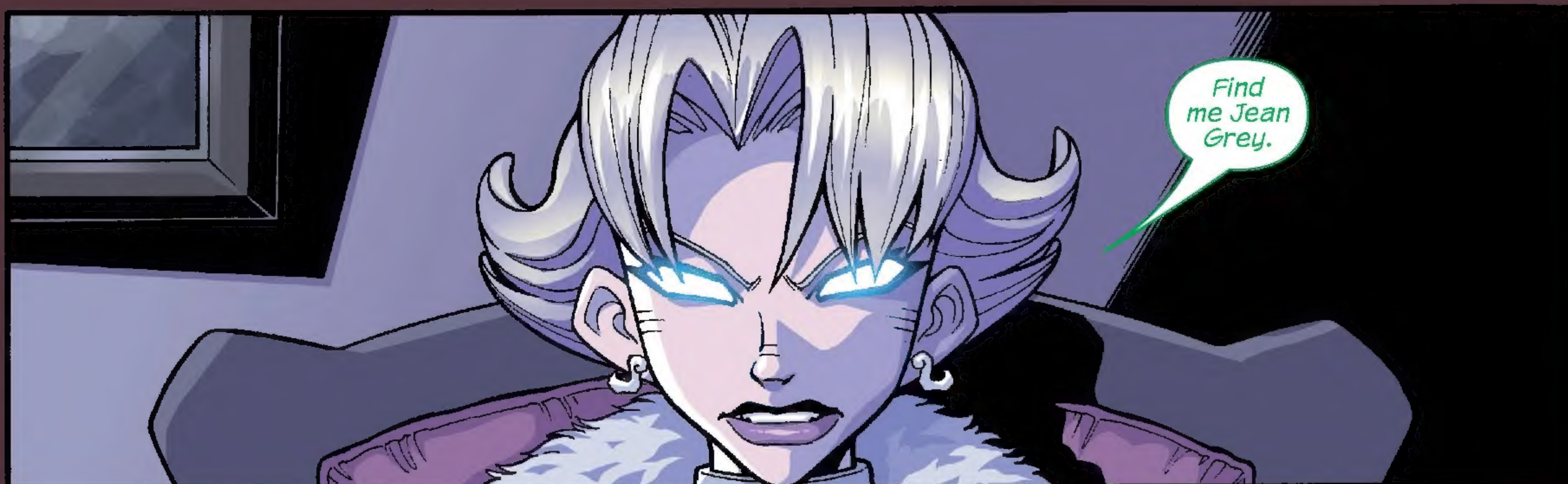
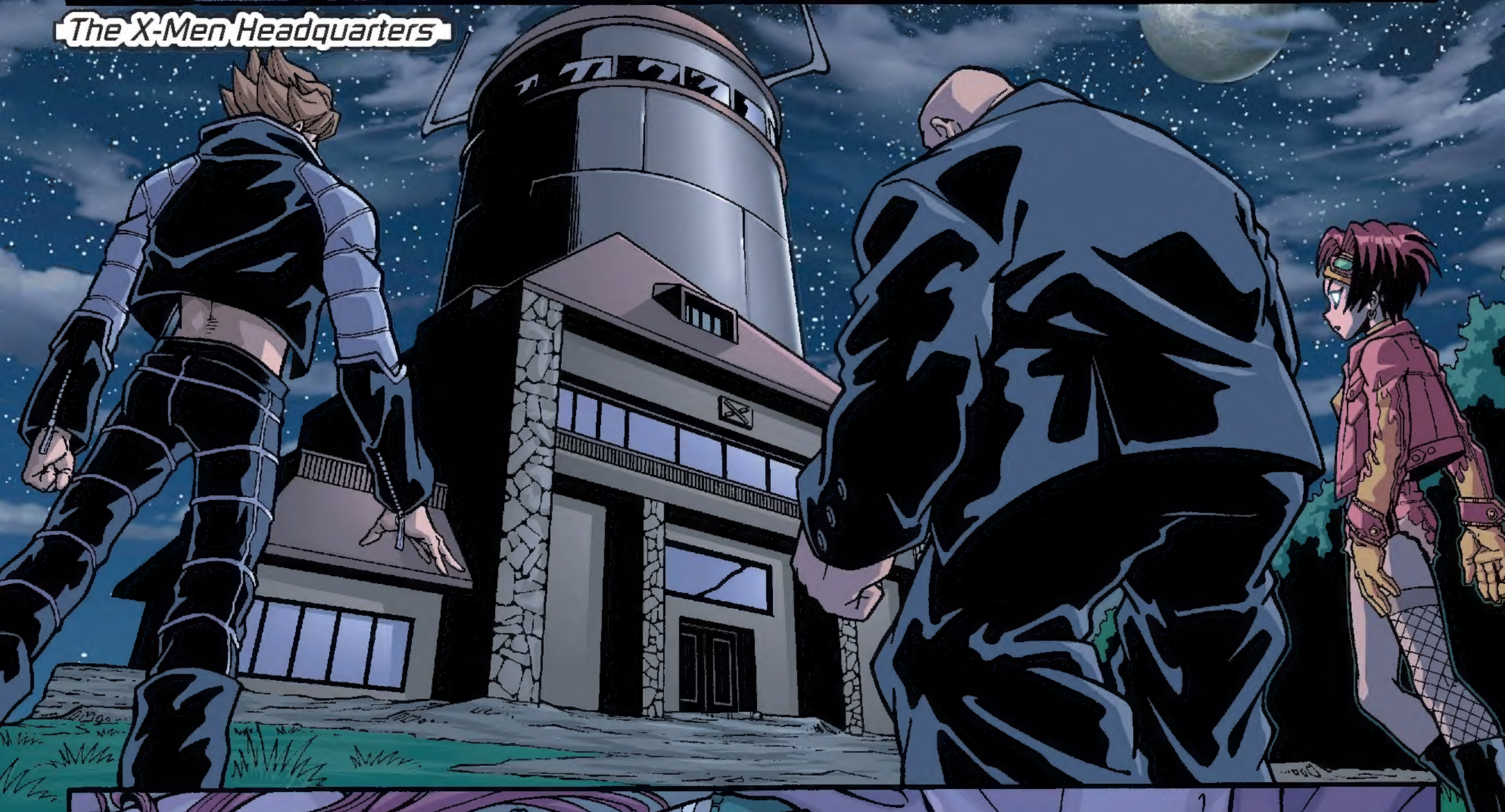
Emma Frost, a powerful mutant telepath, has aspirations of rising in the ranks of the exclusive mutant Hellfire Club— but first, she must recruit another telepathic mutant into their numbers. She zeroes in on Jean Grey, the only member of the X-Men who meets the Hellfire Club's standards of non-freakish appearance. But after the X-Men thwart Emma's first ploy to capture Jean, she enlists the help of three bad-news mutants to be her hired muscle. Will Cyclops, Wolverine and Storm be able to protect their friend from the ambitious mind-witch much longer?

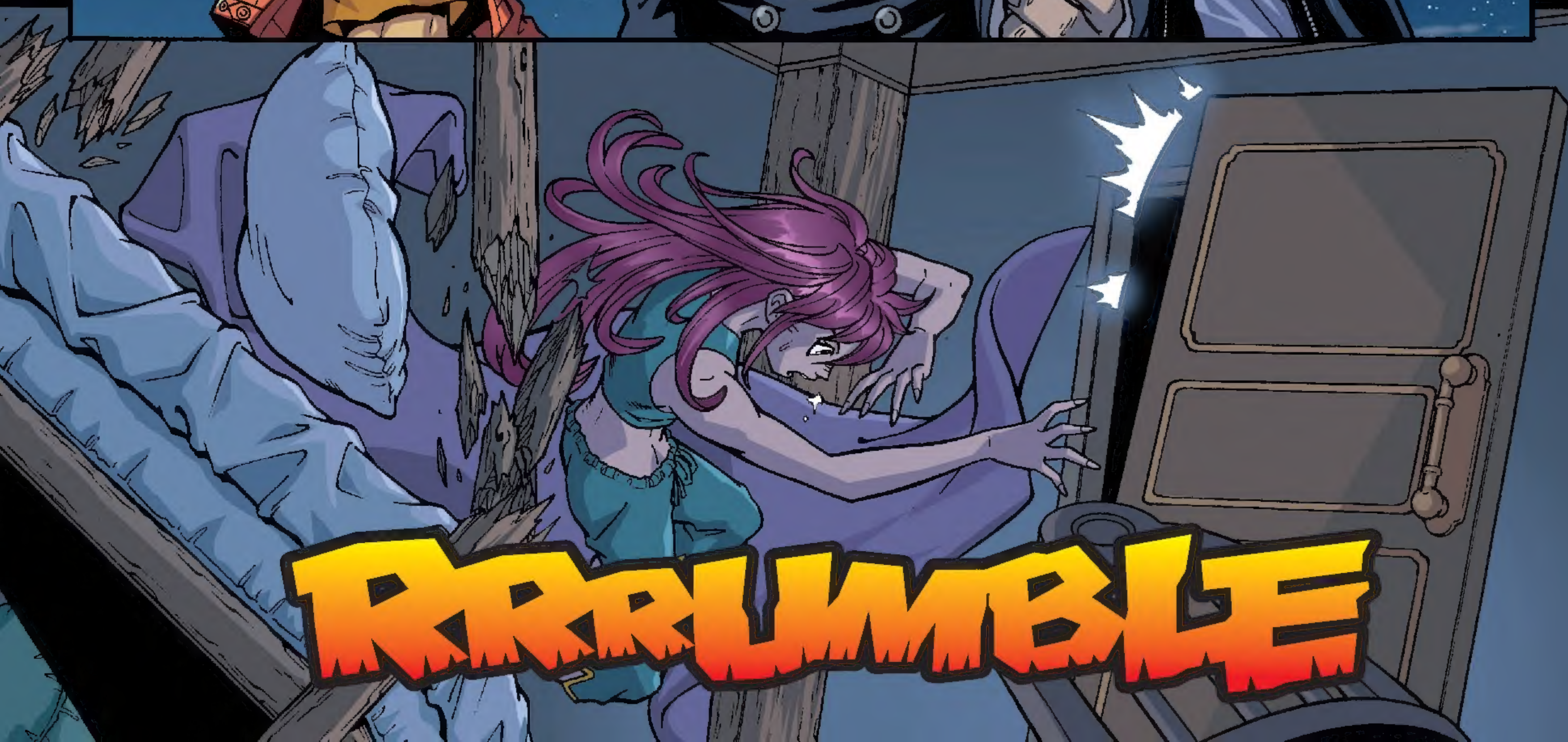
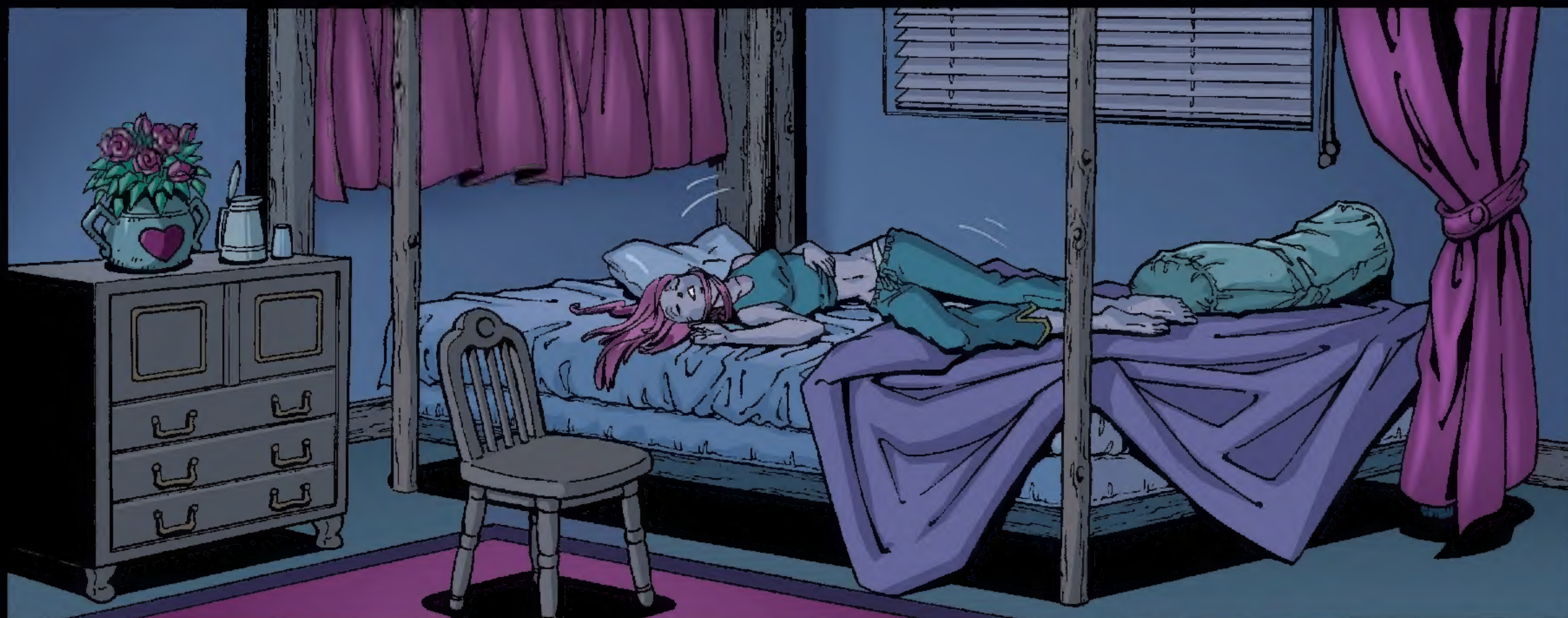
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The Hellfire Club



The X-Men Headquarters



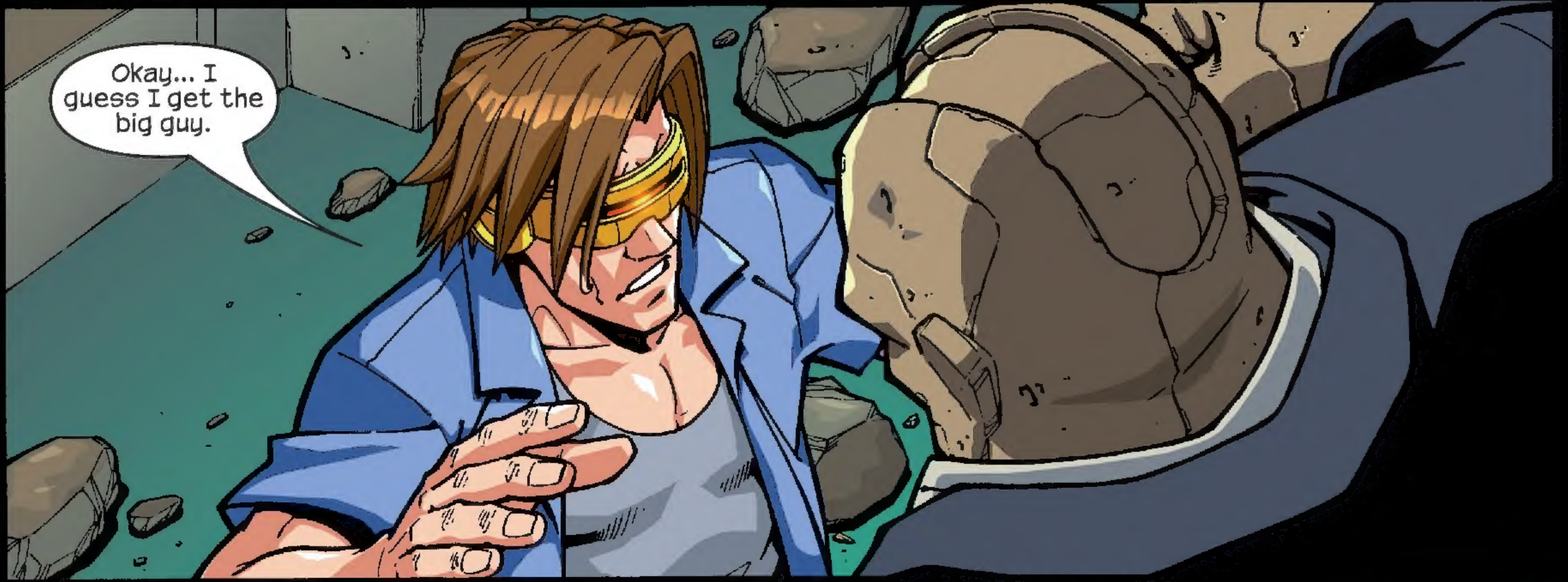


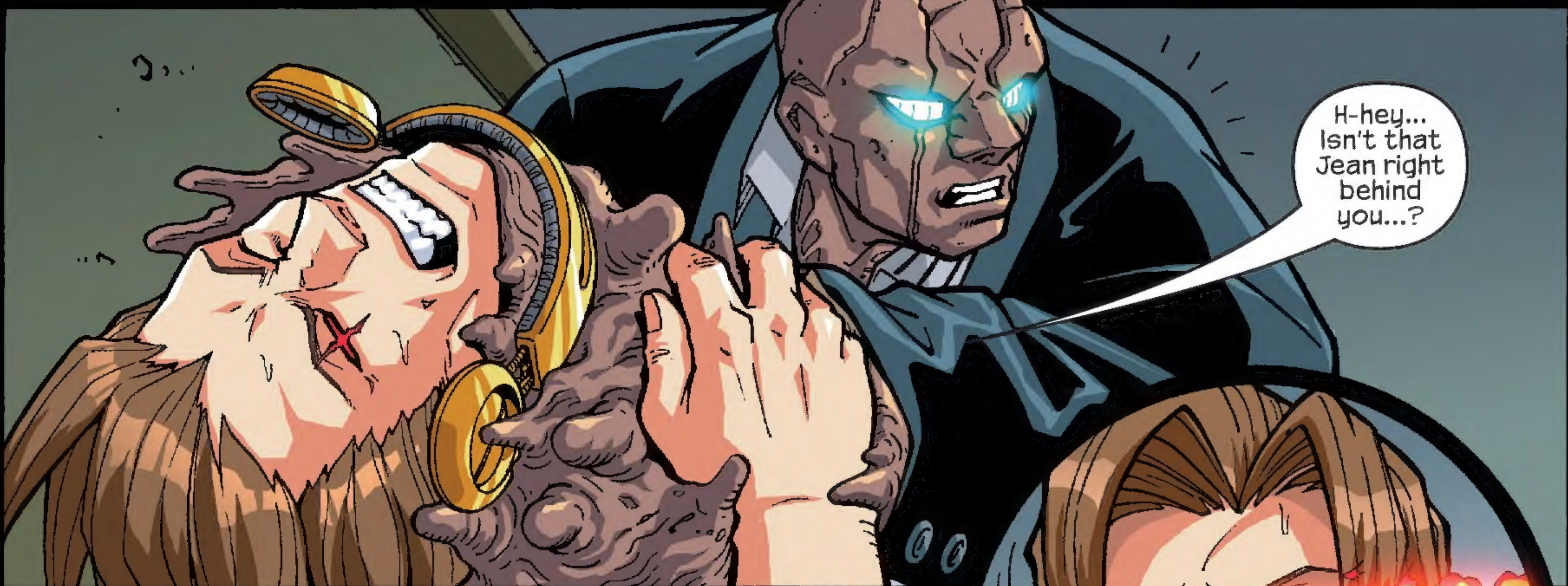








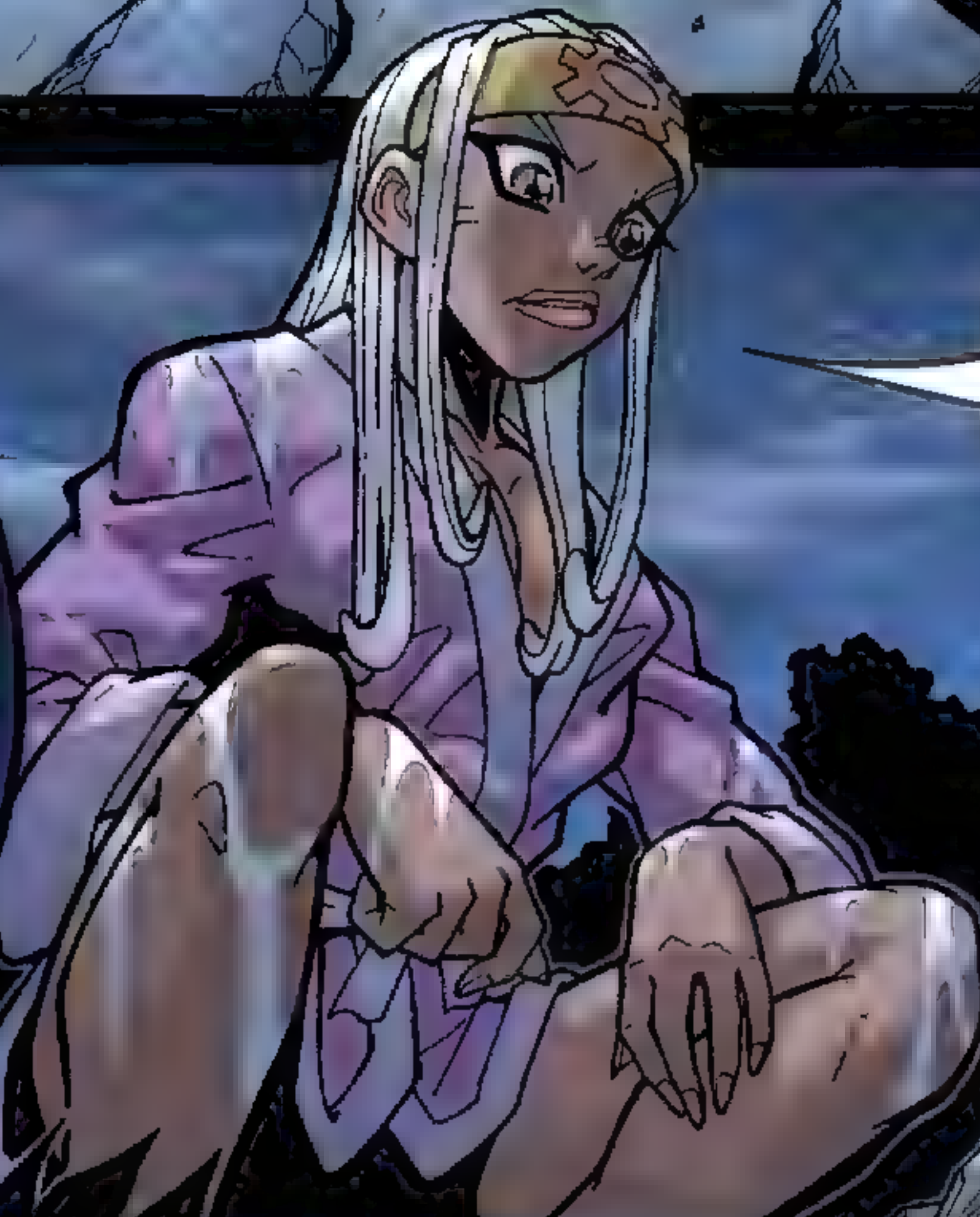








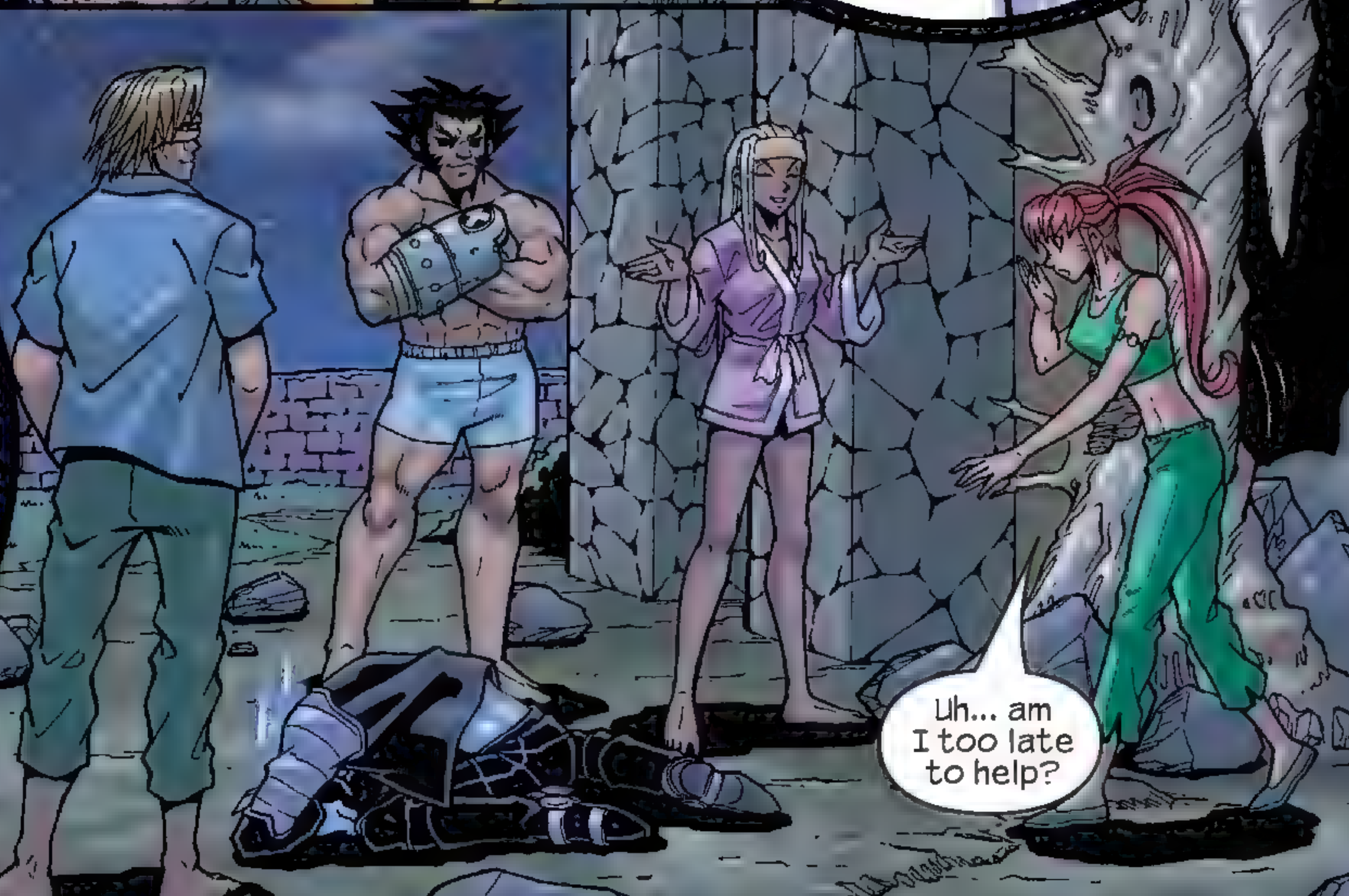
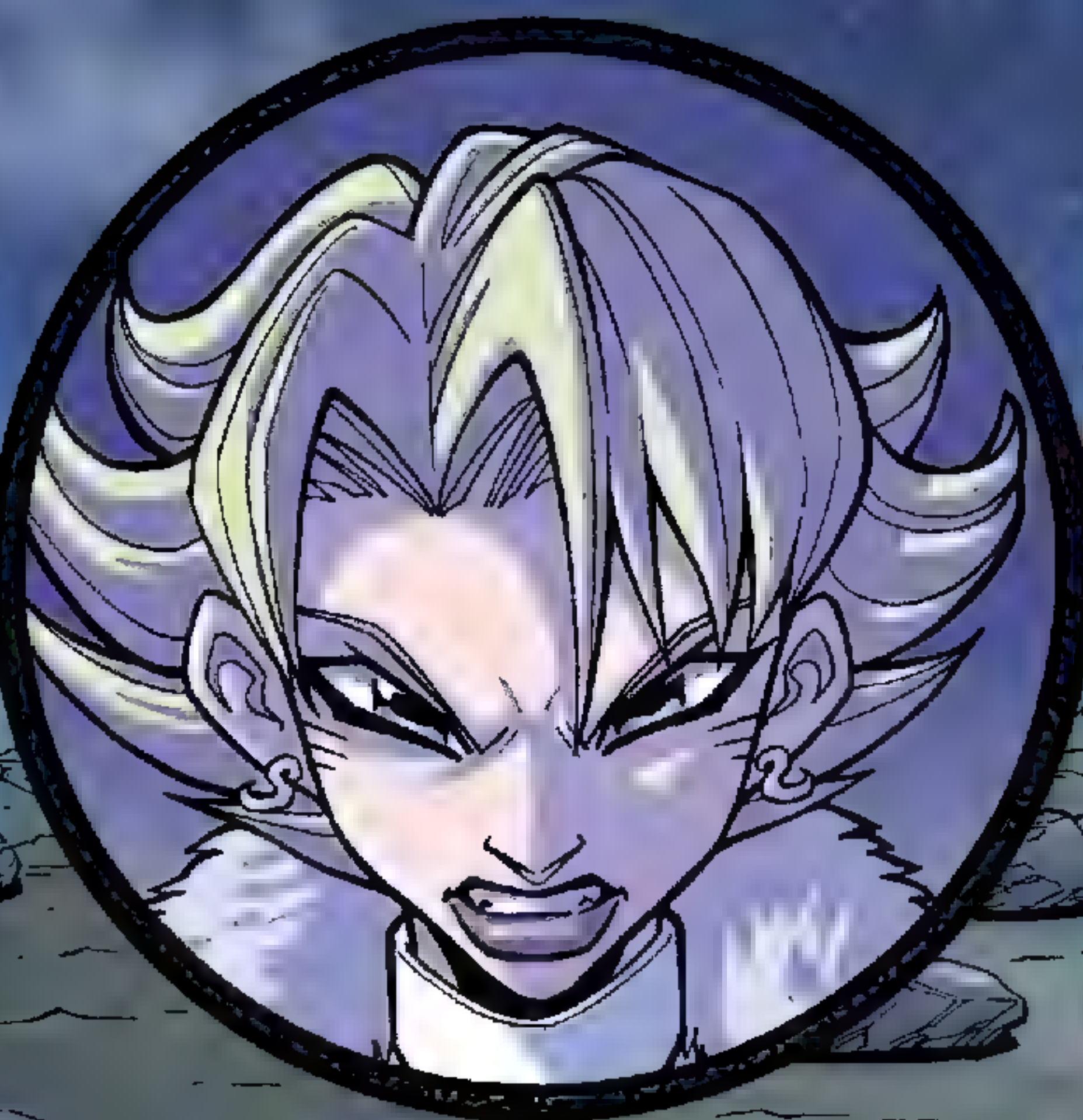
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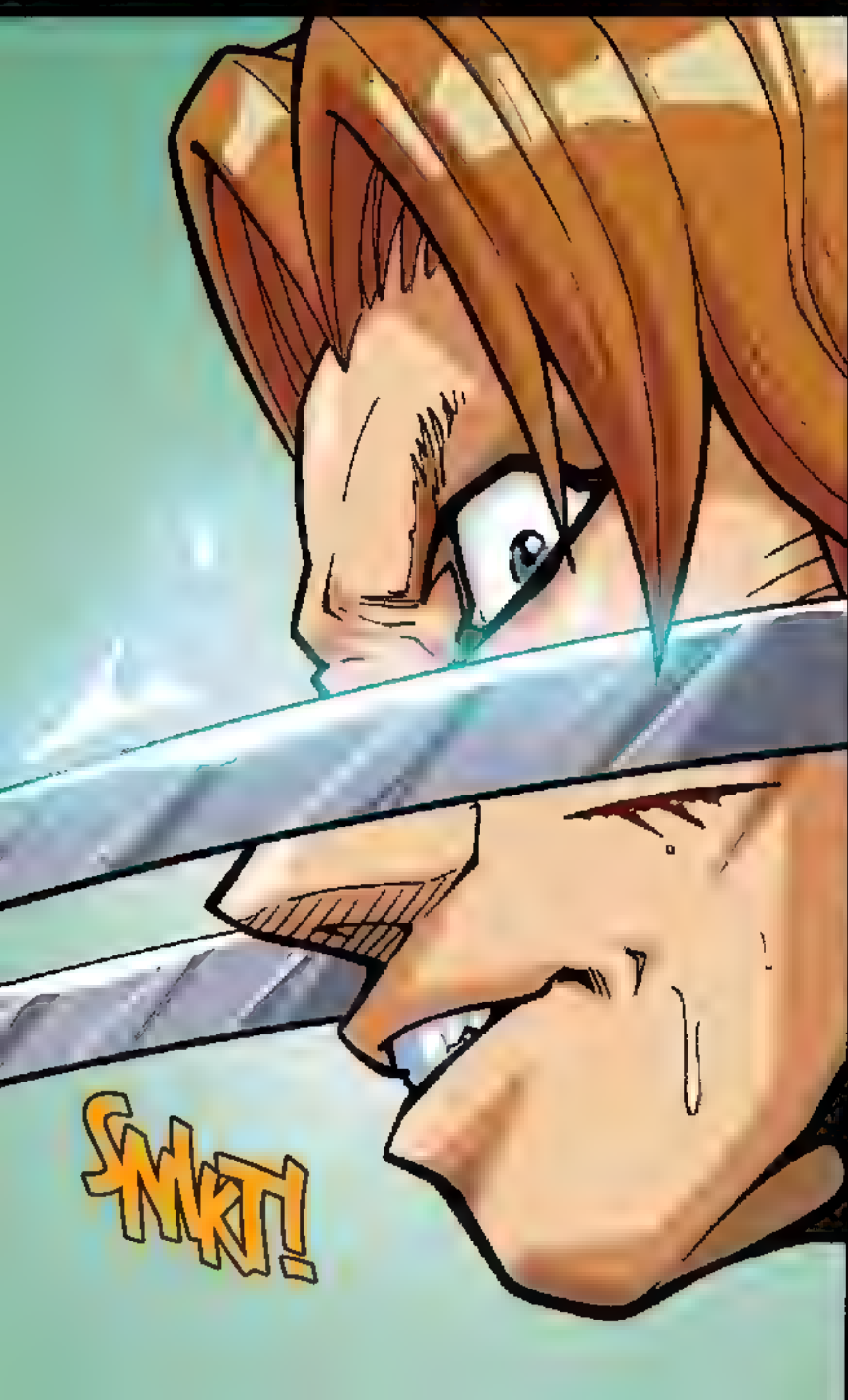
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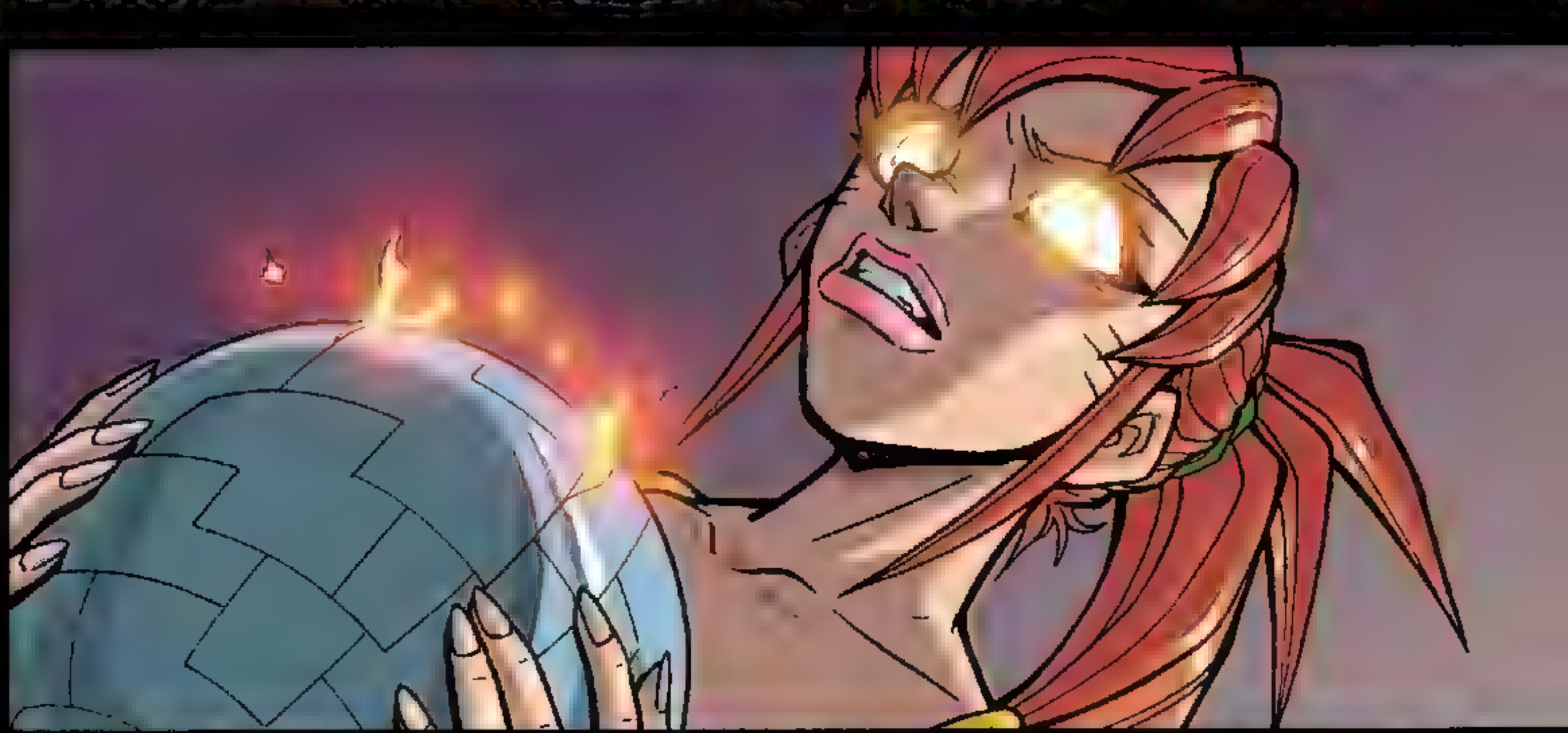
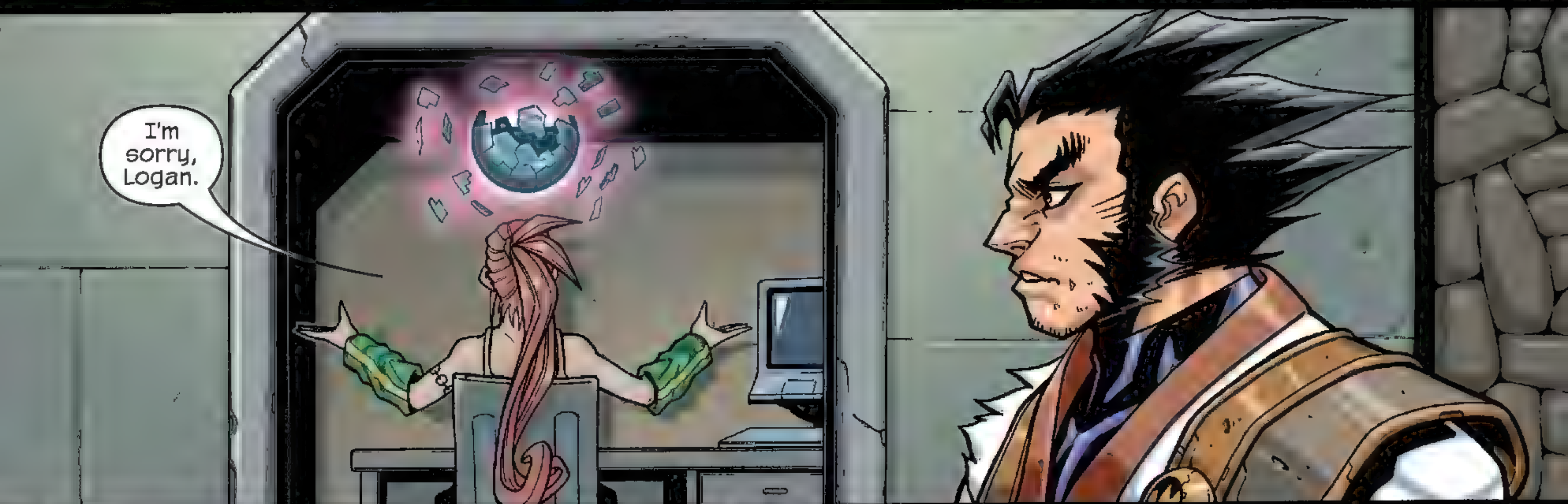


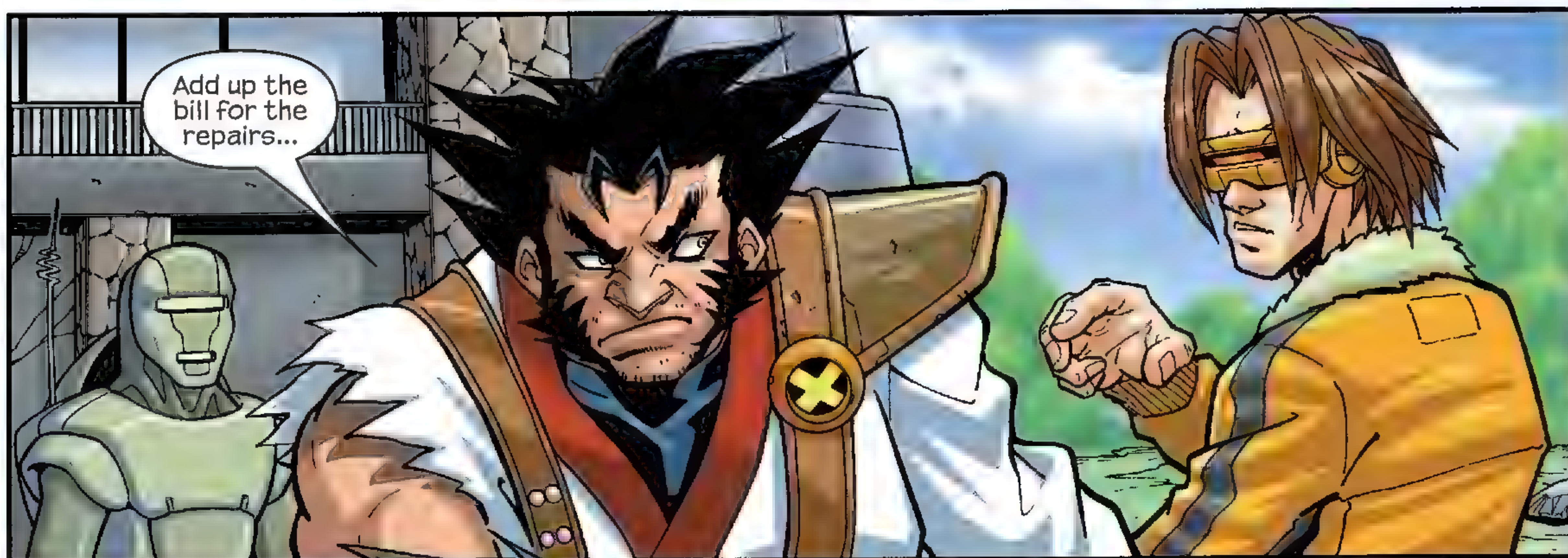
Forget the police. Those crooked cops will just find a way to make us look bad in all of this. We need to shut down the Hellfire Club before they're fully operational.

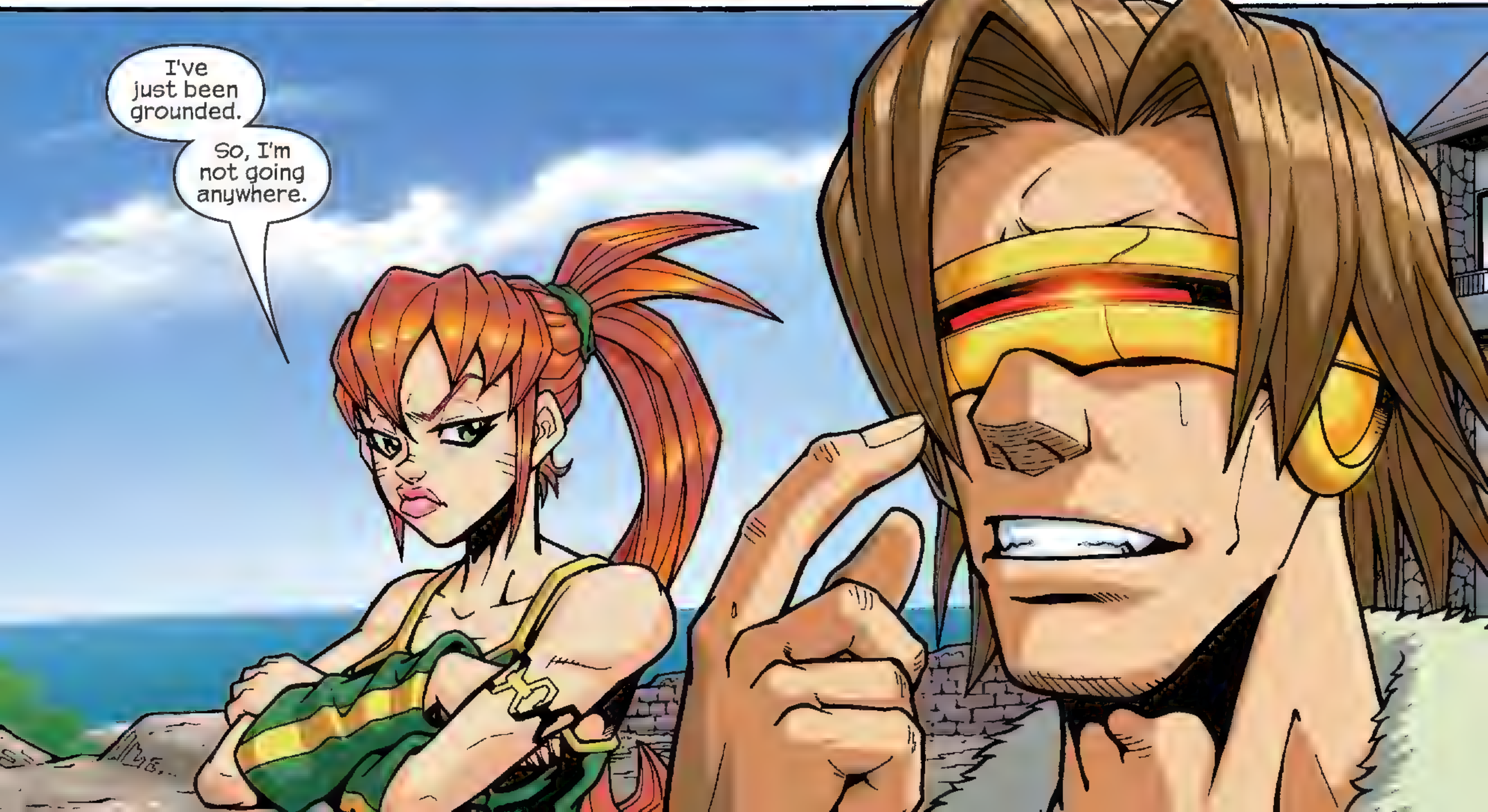


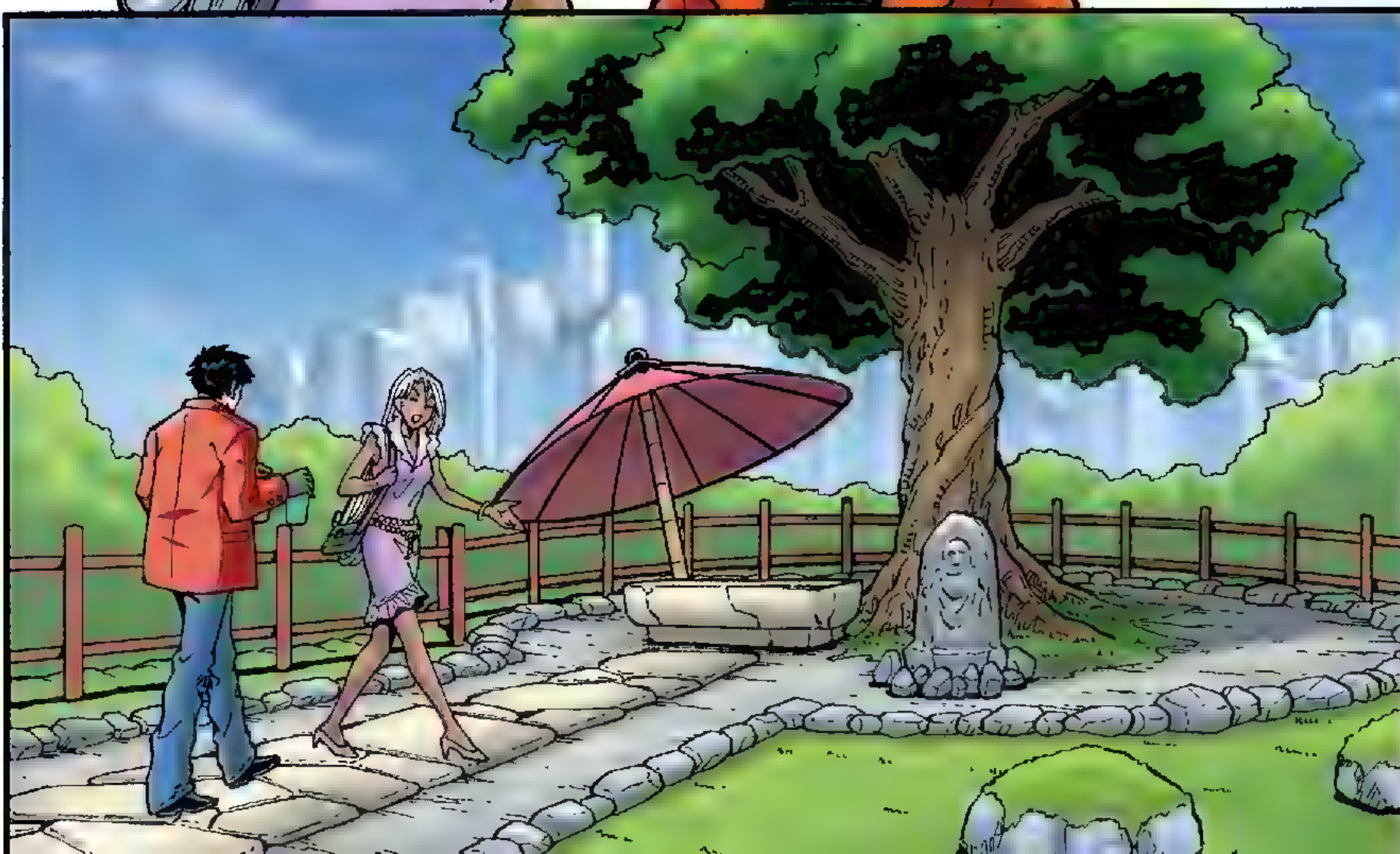
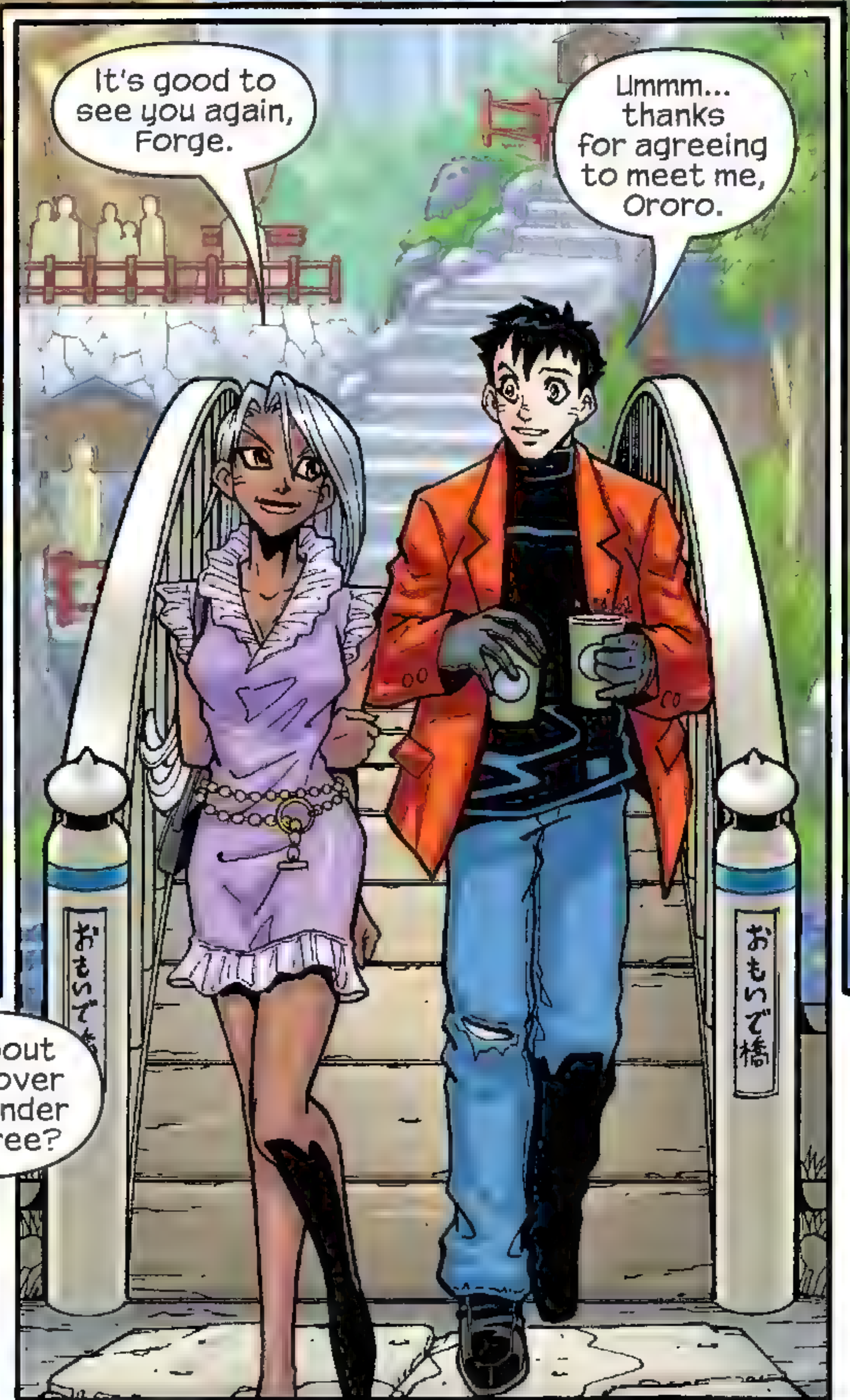
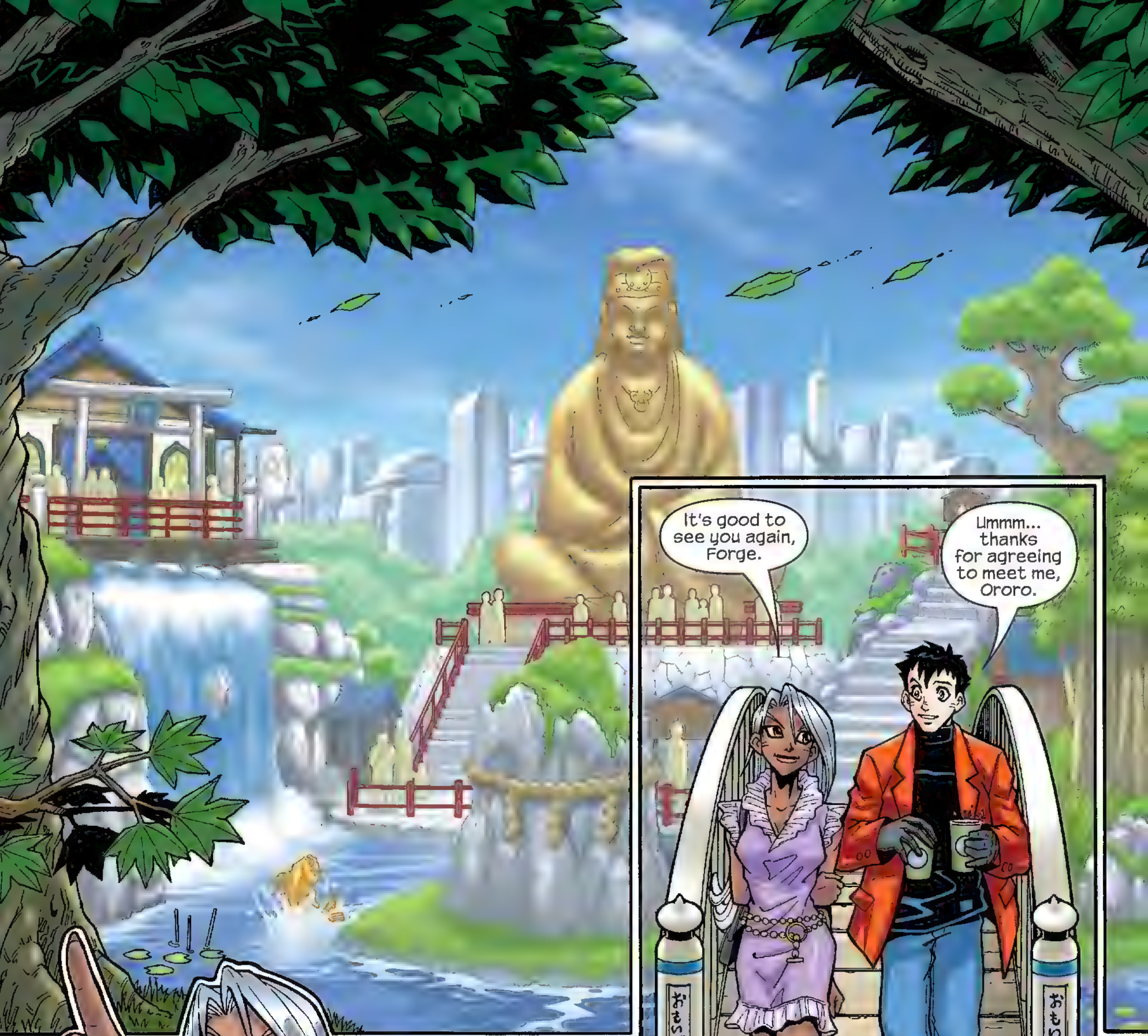
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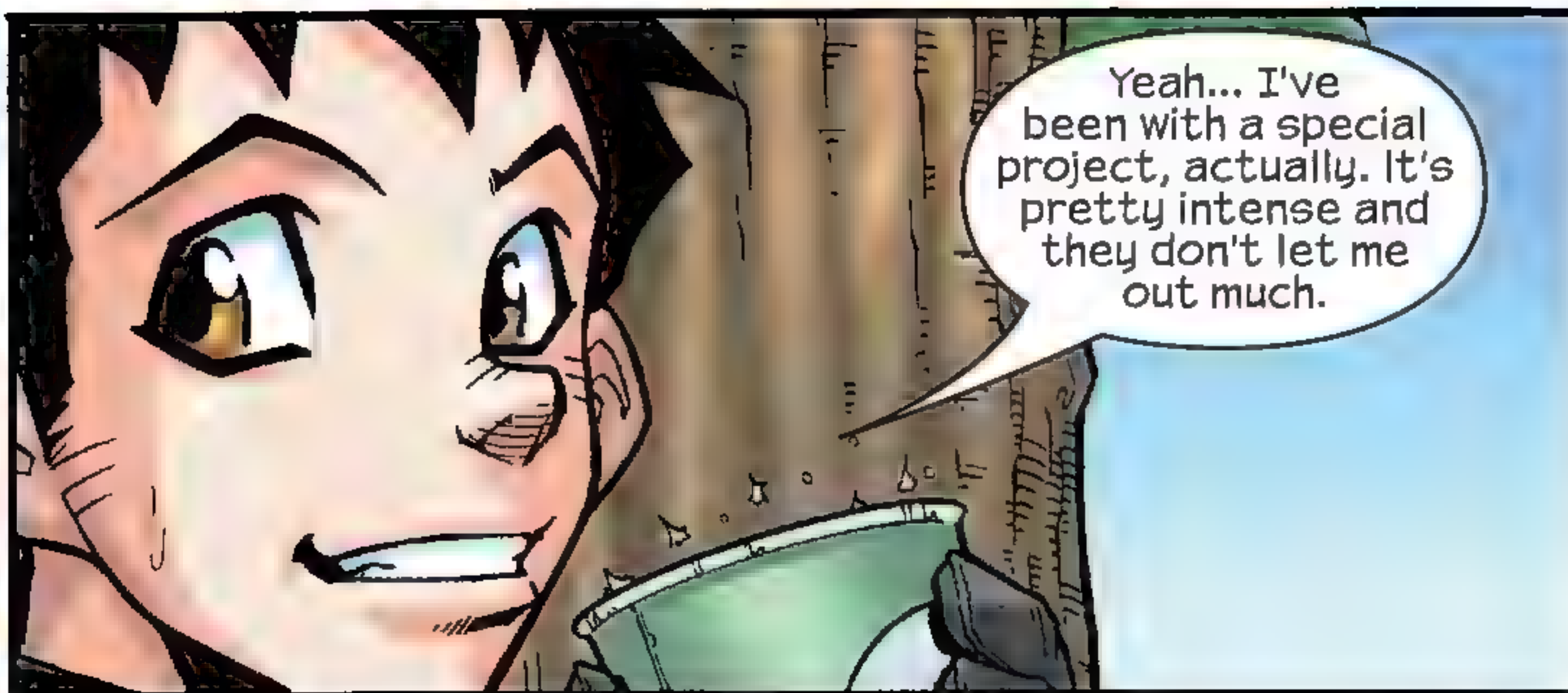
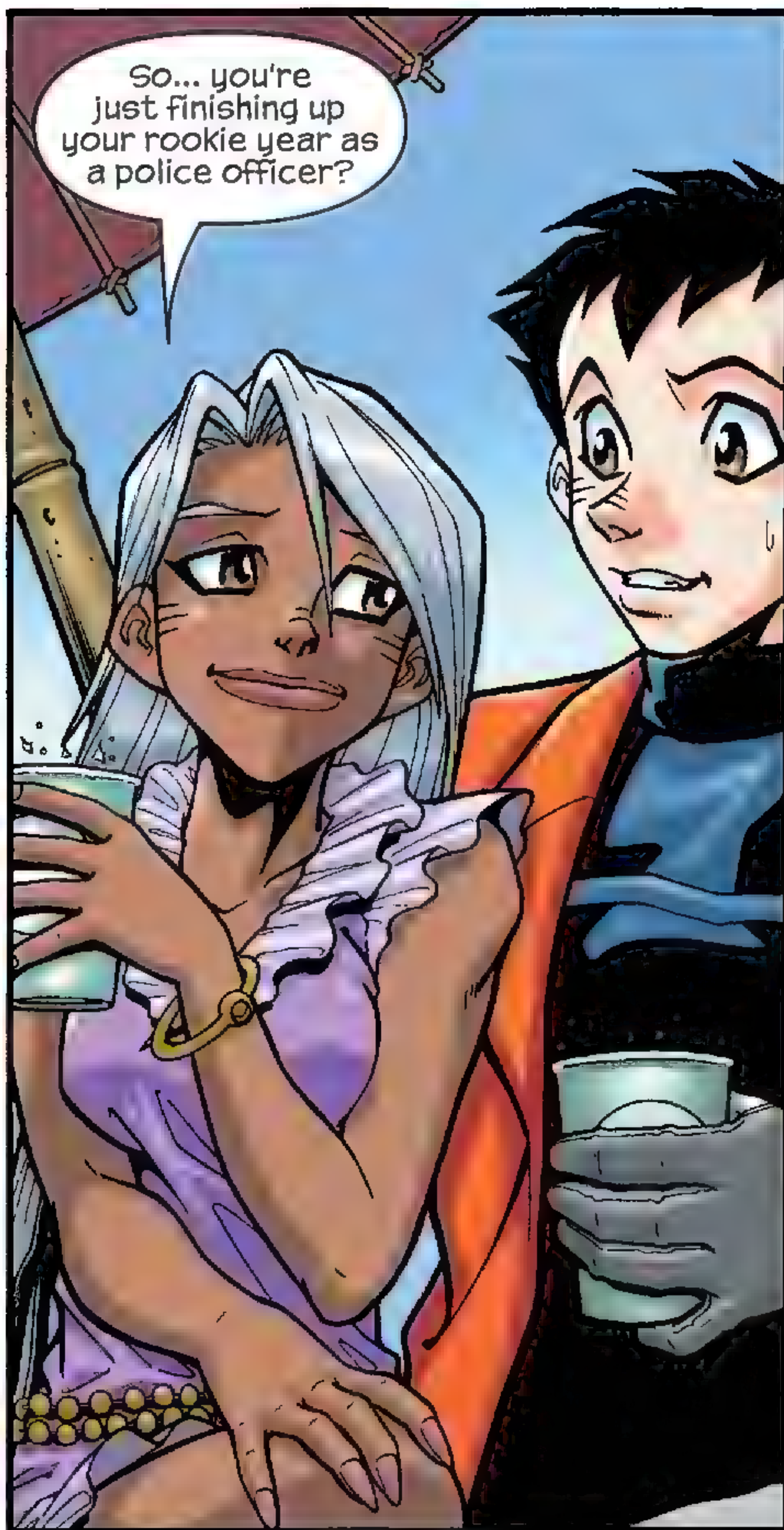






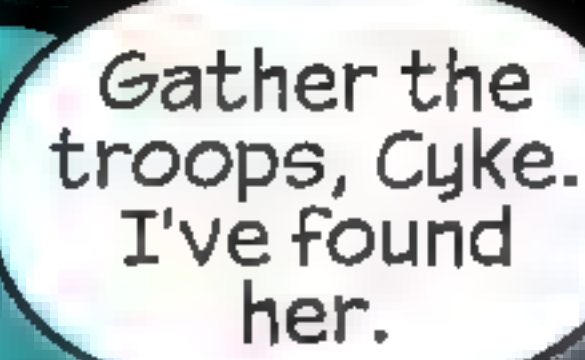




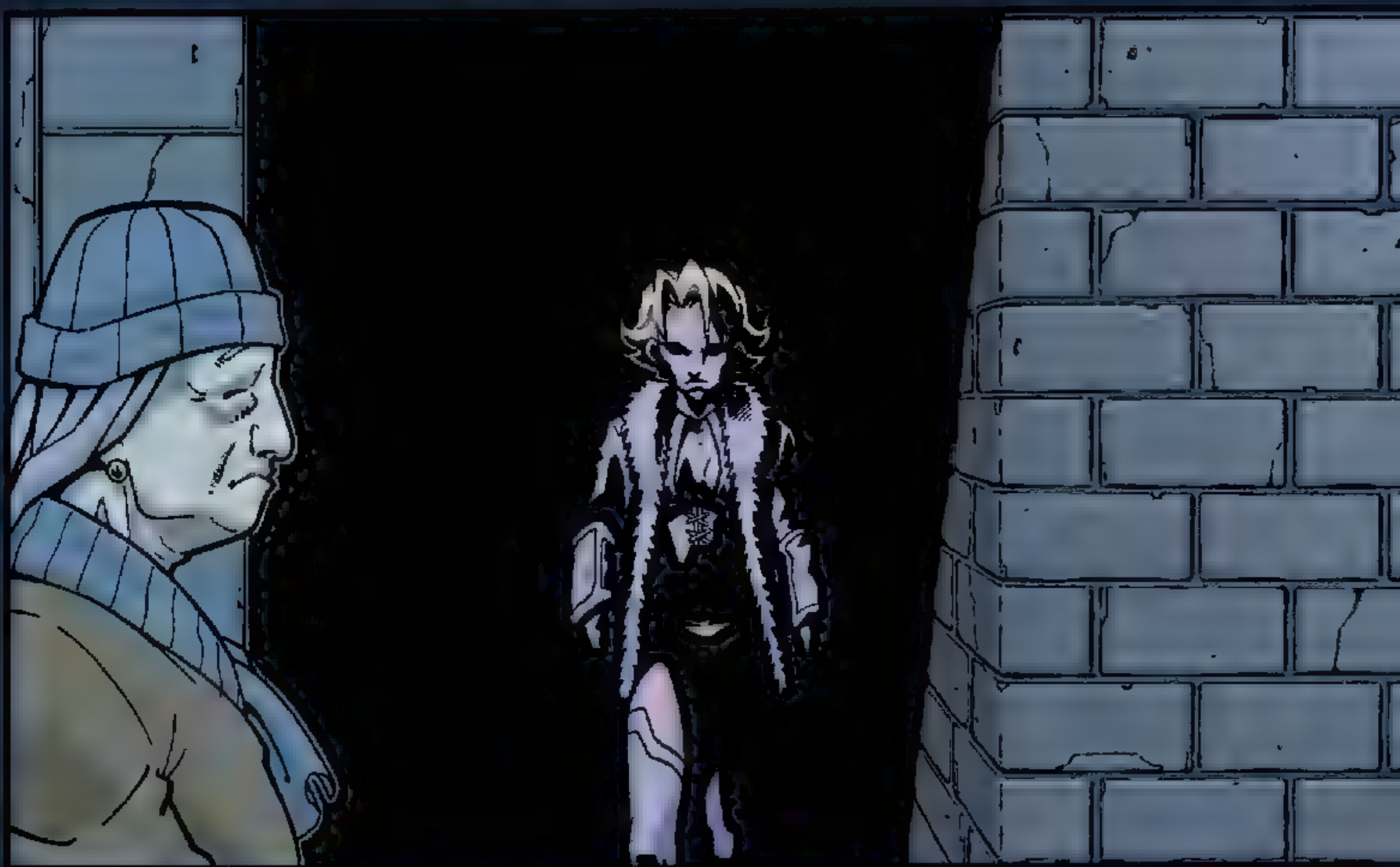
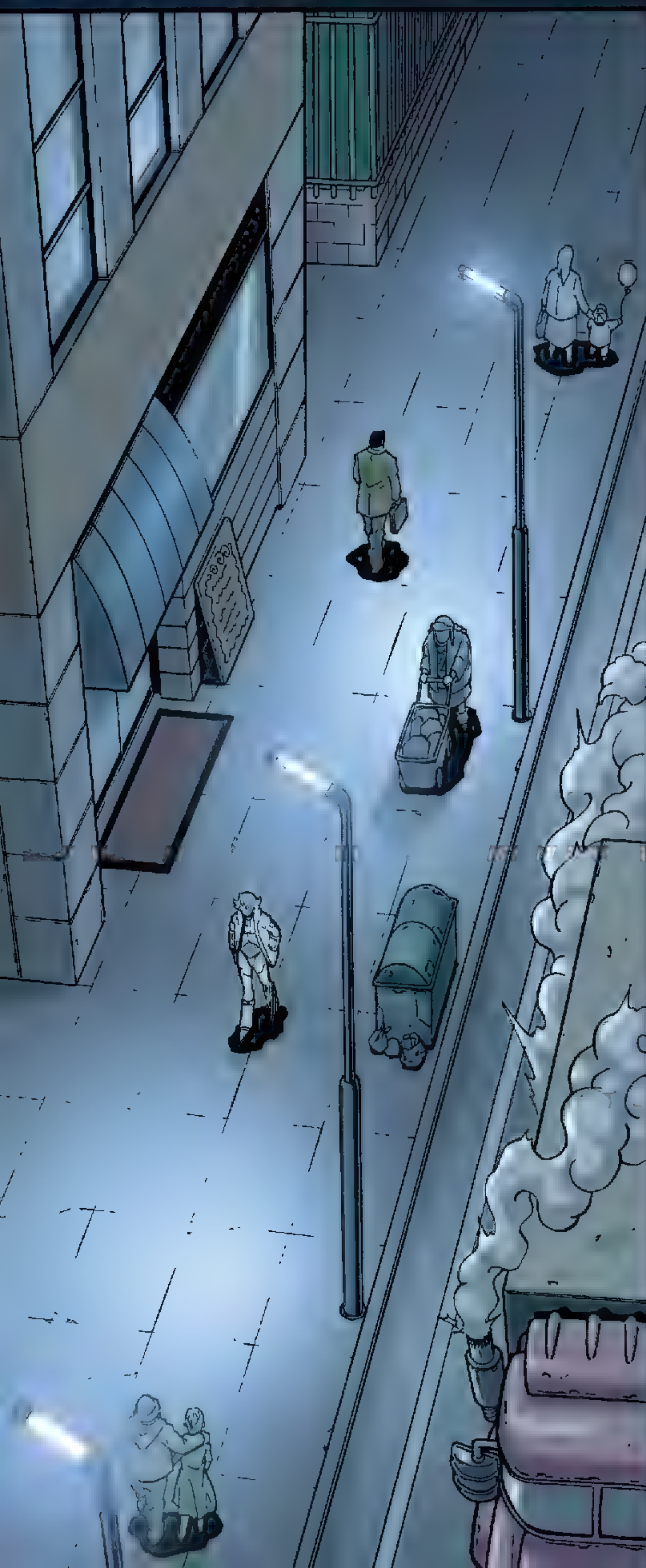
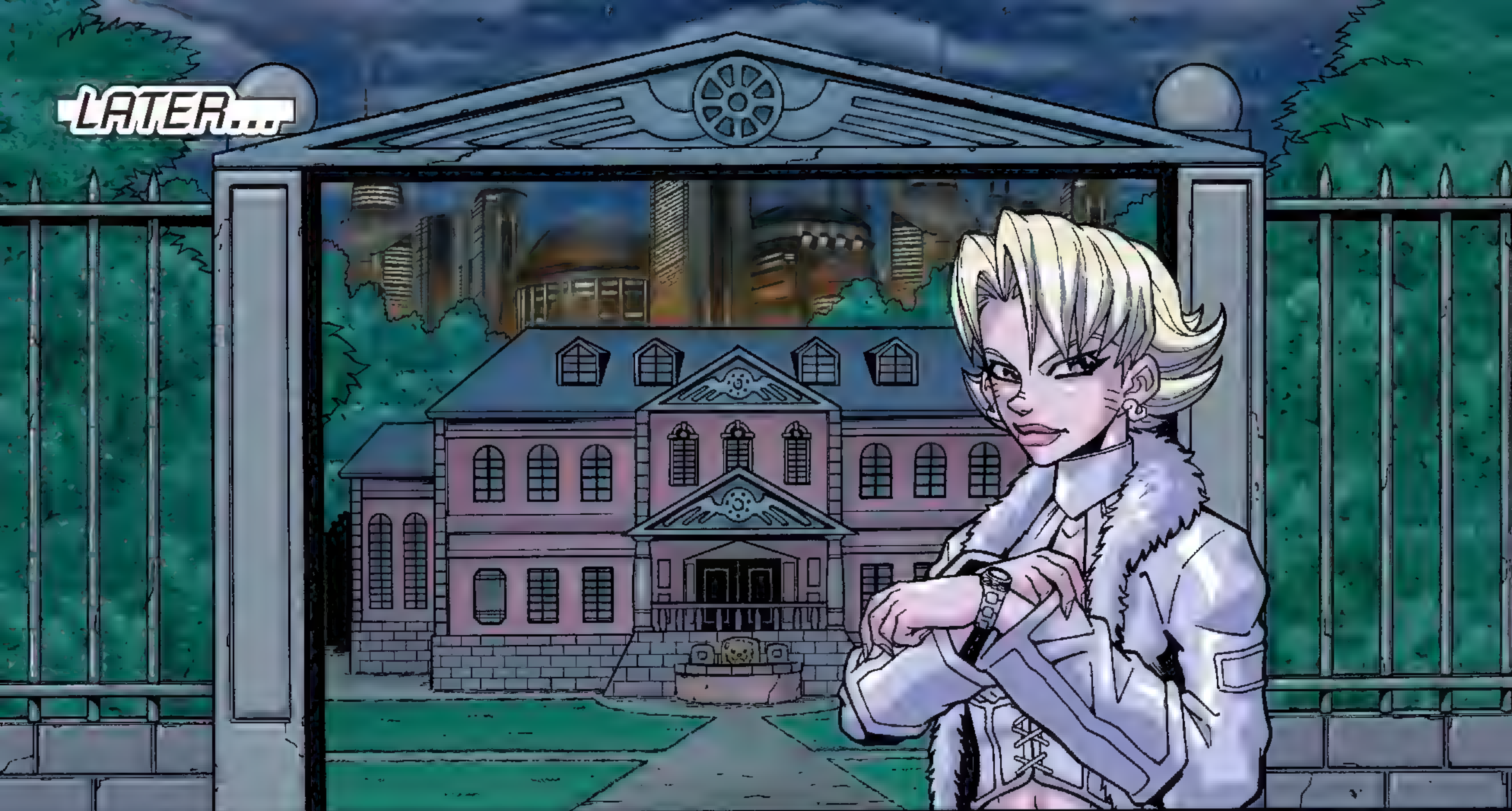


Um... I'm just, you know, trying to do my duty and fit in as best I can, apply my special skills to the job. Sorry, I really can't talk about it...





LATER...



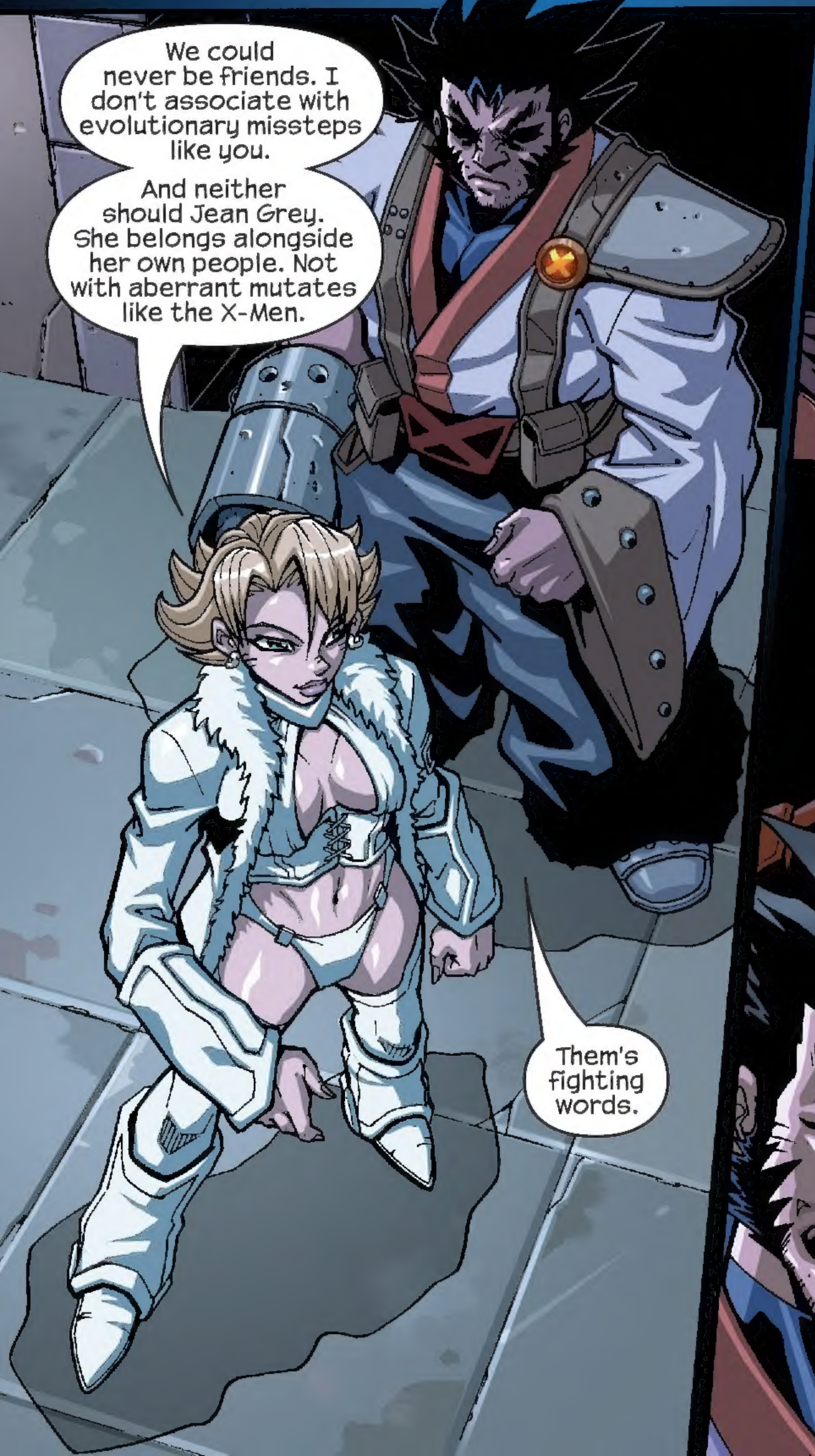


You're new in town. Looking for some new friends?

The fine folks over at Dazzler's tell me you might know something about the Ronin who trashed my house last night.

They were looking to hurt a friend of mine.

Sounds like you need to choose your friends better.



We could never be friends. I don't associate with evolutionary missteps like you.

And neither should Jean Grey. She belongs alongside her own people. Not with aberrant mutants like the X-Men.

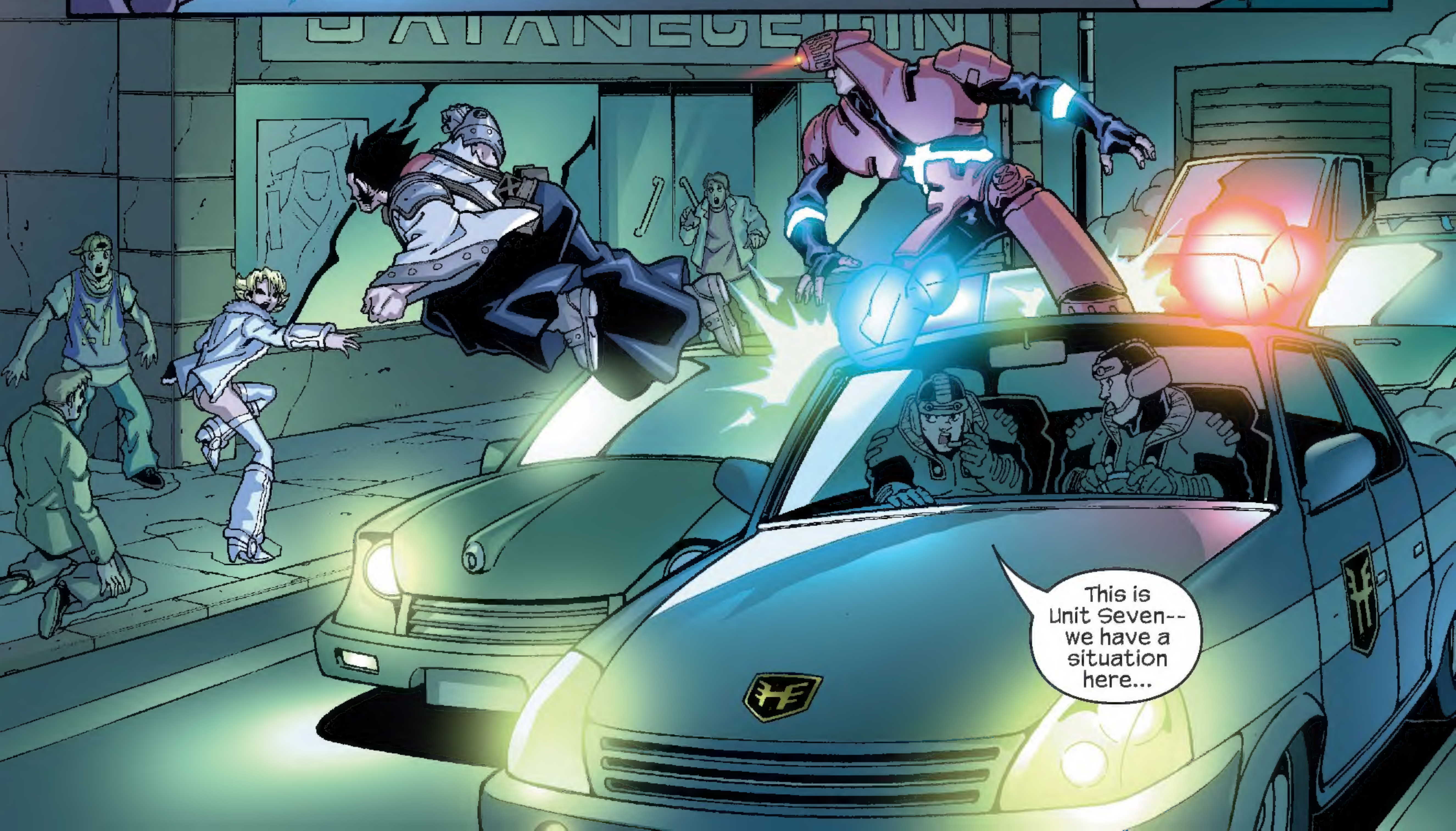
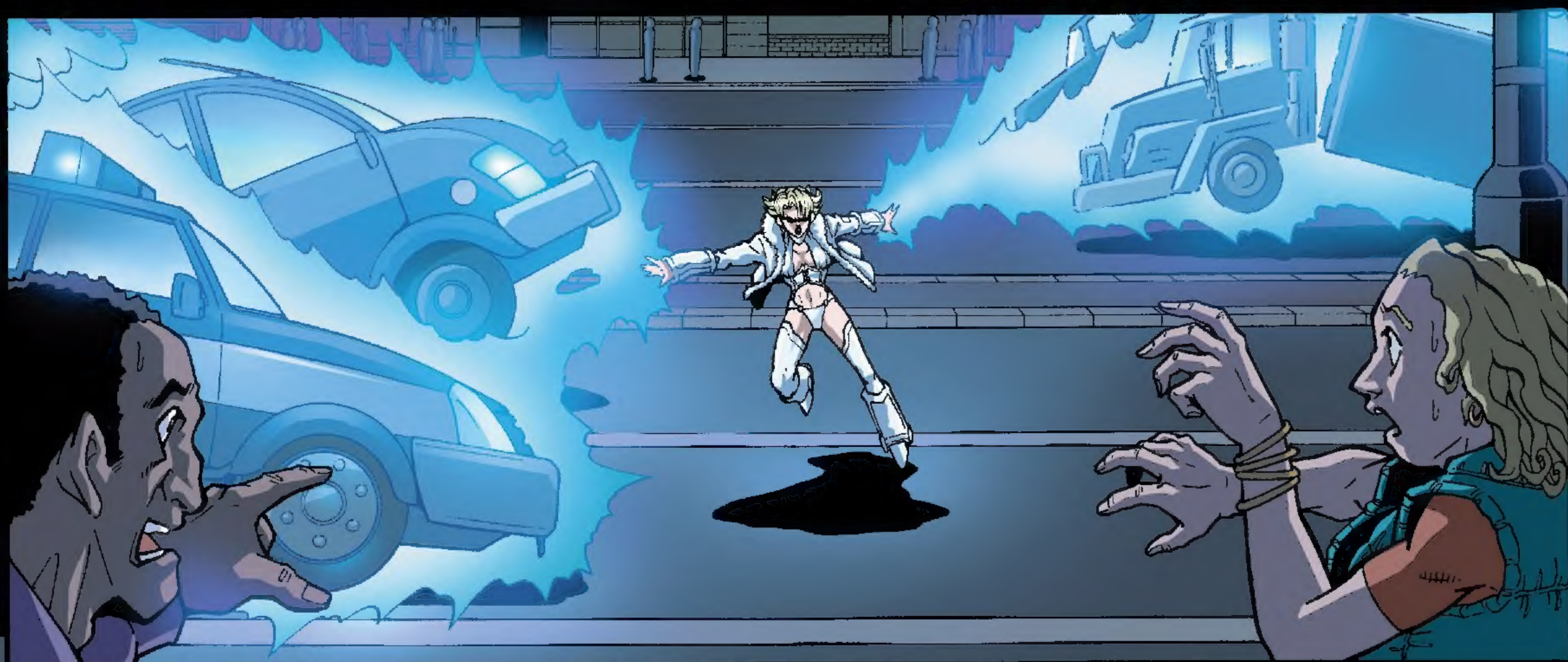


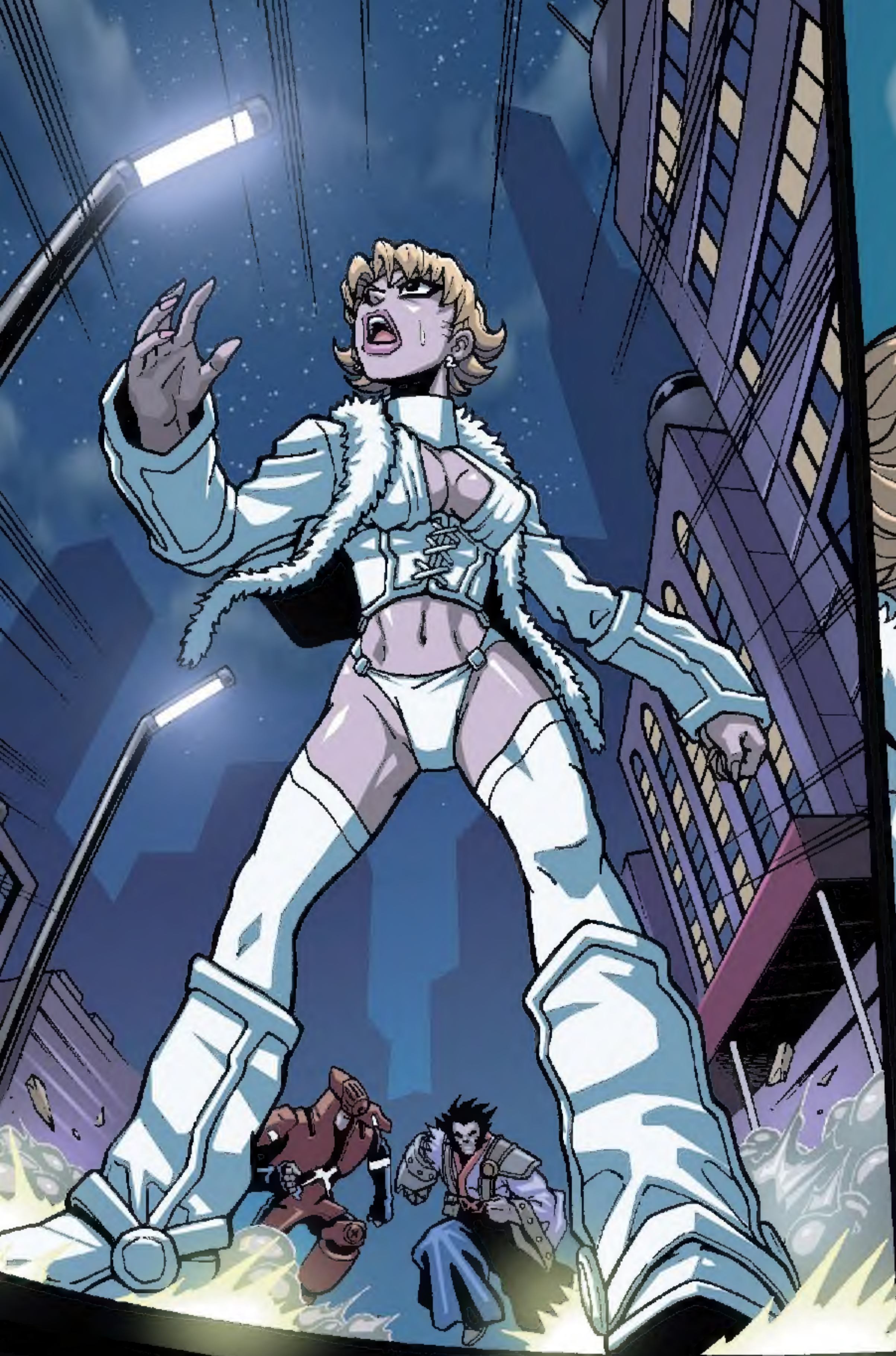
You better have brought help if you're thinking of crossing swords with me, little man.

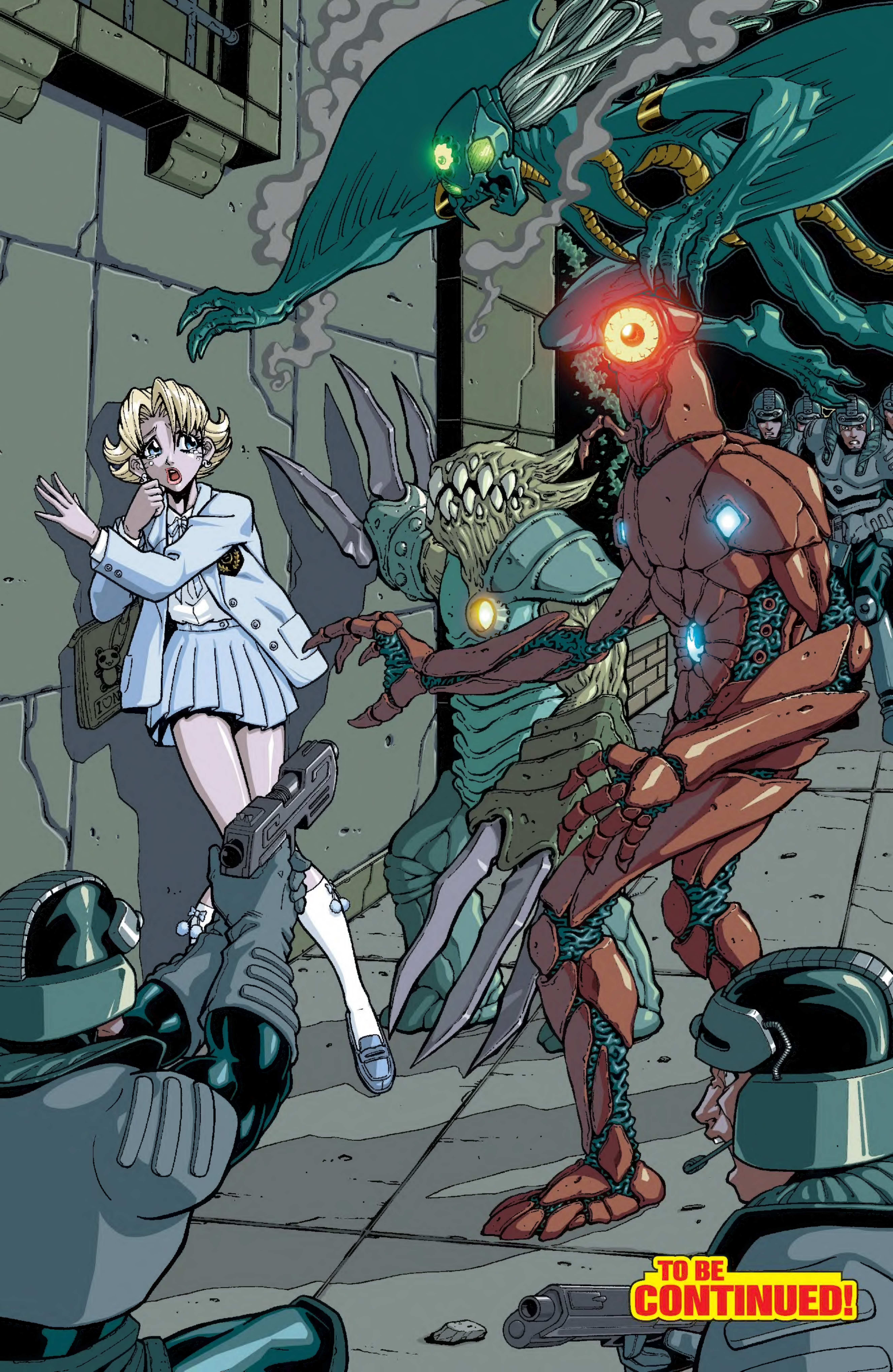


Okay.

Them's fighting words.







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